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1. USG ALSO BELIEVES THAT COORDINATION OF RESPONSE
TO SUBJECT QUESTIONNAIRE WOULD BE DESIRABLE. ACCORDINGLY,
ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT/
MISSION THAT US NOW PLANNING TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES, AND REQUEST COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
RESPONSE, INCLUDING PROBABILITY OF SUPPORT FOR US
POSITION.

2. US RESPONSE WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

THE US GOVERNMENT NOTES THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST UNCTAD PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS, HELD OCTOBER 25-29, 1976 IN GENEVA, THE US DELEGATE STATED THAT THE US GOVERNMENT COULD NOT ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER THE SCOPE AND POSSIBILITIES FOR HARMONIZATION OF PRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC SUBSTITUTES IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH THE SUPPLY OF JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS. THE US DELEGATE

FURTHER NOTED THAT OUR RESERVATION INVOLVES BASIS POLICY AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS.

THE US GOVERNMENT THEREFORE IS NOT PREPARED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION FOR A STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE UNCTAD PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS.

THE US GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION, TRADE, CONSUMPTION, AND PRICES OF JUTE AND COMPETING SYNTHETICS COULD BE A USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE ACTIVITY IN CONSIDERING THE FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR JUTE. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT REQUESTS FOR SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. THE USG WOULD BE PREPARED TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR SUCH INFORMATION ADDRESSED TO ALL COUNTRIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE CONFERENCE'S UNDER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STANDINGS OF THE PROBLEMS OF JUTE.

3. POSTS MAY MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS WHEN INFORMING HOST GOVERNMENT/MISSION OF PROPOSED US POSITION:

A. WE DO NOT BELIEVE USG IS OBLIGATED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE GENERATED BY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, AT THE INITIATIVE OF A SINGLE MEMBER COUNTRY. US NOTES IT DID NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DESIRABILITY OF QUESTIONNAIRE OR ITS FORMULATION.

B. WE DO NOT WISH TO RAISE POSSIBILITY THAT RESPONSE TO QUESTIONNAIRE AS CURRENTLY FORMULATED COULD LATER BE INTERPRETED AS SIGNAL OF US WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER HARMONIZATION QUESTION. US POSITION REMAINS THAT HARMONIZATION IS NEITHER A LEGALLY POSSIBLE NOR AN ECONOMICALLY APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEMS OF JUTE OR OTHER PRODUCTS FACING COMPETITION FROM SYNTHETICS.

C. WE ARE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES WHICH WOULD BE APPLIED ON A DISCRIMINATORY BASIS TO DEVELOPED RATHER THAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE ARE THEREFORE UNWILLING TO RESPOND TO A QUESTIONNAIRE DIRECTED ONLY AT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

4. FOR EC BRUSSELS: COPIES OF ADDITIONAL CABLES CONCERNING QUESTIONNAIRE BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
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